



# THE GSOC NEWSLETTER

## THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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### *GSOC Christmas Party, December 15<sup>th</sup>*

Our December meeting will be at the Ft Walton Beach Yacht Club on December 15th. As in years past we will also have some kind of entertainment or games, conduct a meeting, and install the 2019 officers.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### MAJOR PUBLIC LAND LAWS

#### In the United States

Presented by Hank Klein

Most of us have heard of the Homestead Act of 1862. While that law opened much of our new nation to settlement, especially in the south, mid-west, and west, there were many other Land Acts that were both national and regional in nature. Destin historian and author Hank Klein will present historical information about the difference between

Public vs. State owned land, Patent Deeds, the Public Land Survey System, the division of public land into Townships, Ranges, & Sections, and more. Learn about Veterans Subdivisions that were made available for Homesteading in Northwest Florida as late as the mid-1950s.

Mr. Klein has long been interested in the history of Destin, Florida, and the genealogy of his father-in-law's and mother-in-law's families (Marler and Shirah). Both came from pioneer Destin families and both were related to Leonard Destin, the original founder of Destin, Florida. Hank's father-in-law's aunt, Emma Marler, married George Destin, the first-born son of Leonard and Martha Destin. While Hank's mother-in-law's sister, Alice Shirah, married George D. Destin the son of George Destin and grandson of Leonard and Martha Destin.

Klein has written books documenting his and his wife's family genealogy, and he has also had a monthly HISTORY MYSTERY column in The *Destin Log* newspaper since 2013. He recently published two books including newly discovered historical facts about early Destin titled: *DESTIN Pioneer Settlers...A Land History of Destin, Florida from 1819-1940* and *DESTIN'S Founding Father...The Untold Story of Leonard Destin*.

Klein lived for many years in both Okaloosa and Bay Counties. He is now retired from his credit union management career, and he and his wife (the former Muriel Marler of Destin, Florida) live in North Little Rock, Arkansas. He can be contacted at [klein@aristotle.net](mailto:klein@aristotle.net) or at 501-256-7474.

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## MESSAGE FROM GSOC PRESIDENT

*Hello GSOC Members,*

*My second and final year as President of GSOC is coming to an end. The time has gone quickly, and I take pride in what we accomplished as a group, some of which is covered below. But there is always room for improvement and I think there is a need for fresh ideas and leadership. That is one reason why I elected not to serve a third year.*

*As we end 2018, I would like to reflect back on some of the highlights and accomplishments for the society during the year. We again enjoyed the benefits of meeting in the Ft Walton Beach Library. We attracted more visitors, several of whom joined. Membership was up to 69 at the end of the year. We had 11 excellent speakers/programs during the year. Members of GSOC gave presentations at both the Ft Walton Beach and Panama City Family History Fairs. Five of our members taught or led four genealogy classes at the Center for Lifelong Learning.*

*We published a great Journal about how we or our ancestors found their way to Northwest Florida. We started both Genealogy Special Interest and Genie groups; also, a Family History Club at the Crestview Library. We reorganized the FWB library genealogy section and ordered some new books. And one of my personal favorites, we enjoyed Dutch treat lunches at eight different restaurants in Ft. Walton Beach.*

*As we start 2019, I would encourage all our members to better support the society. Come to the meetings, write articles for the newsletter, and volunteer for some of the opportunities at the bottom of the membership forms. You all have something to offer.*

*I was supported by great Board members the last two years. My eternal gratitude to Margaret Harris, Cindy Barber, Jerry Rush, Phil Hoge, Kathie Sheperd, Val Moreland, and Sue Basch. Also, a shout out to Jim Young and Ed Crosby for their contributions with the Newsletter and web site. Also, another kudo to Cindy for two great Journals. And for all you others that contributed in some way or the other, thanks.*

*Happy ancestor hunting!*

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*Jon Sheperd*

*President*

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## FEATURE ARTICLE

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### Destin Fishing during World War II

By: H. C. "Hank" Klein

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Many locals and visitors alike enjoy fishing out of Destin, Florida. Destin boasts the largest Charter Fishing Fleet in the United States with a total of 125 vessels. If you are interested in fishing in the Gulf of Mexico you have your choice of many boats, captains and crews, but that wasn't always the case. During World War II we find quite a different story according to the December 1942 issue of the SOUTHERN FISHERMAN. The article below gives us a pretty clear picture of just how plentiful schools of fish were in the 1940s, but it also shows how difficult it was to get a crew together to catch those fish, due to the war efforts.

### HERE'S WHAT WE MEAN

#### When We Say the Fishing Industry Needs Help NOW!

*"Captain O. T. Melvin has been a fisherman all his life, a good half-century; has fished from Destin, Florida, to the Mississippi River. Since 1929 has concentrated his activities around Bayou La Batre, Alabama, and is one of the largest producers of food fish on the Gulf Coast.*

*Captain Melvin has a reputation for bringing in large catches. Last year, in two loads of mullet, he brought in 104,000 pounds which, until November 21 of this year (1942), held the record.*

*The week before November 21 Captain Melvin had a hard time getting a crew together; Army, Coast Guard, and defense plants having taken so many good young men. But finally, he gathered a crew and, incidentally, a crew that turned out to be one of the best he ever set out with in spite of the fact he had to dig to find them.*

*Eight of them: Preacher Kennerson (don't let the name fool you); Oliver Tilliman; J. Kennerson; Hugh Kinsey (he's in the Army now); Mertz McDonald (good old Mertz, the cook, who kept the coffee hot and coming on that memorable catch); Charles Gillmore; Walter Bosarge (he's been called since, too); and Rufus Cook (the only one of the crew available to go on another trip due to the war effort).*



(Odem Thomas (O.T) Melvin 1893-1975)

*They were out about four days in the 82-foot James Velcich when, in a heavy fog on Thursday, November 19, 1942, they ran into roe mullet, thousands of them. It wasn't luck. Captain Melvin knew they were due there.*

*Believe this or not but when they pulled in the Ederer seine they had over 100,000 pounds of fish. They finally loaded nearly eight thousand pounds, working from 7 A.M. unto 8 P.M., never letting up a minute, making trips back and forth in the seine boat Clipper until they had no more ice to handle the catch.*

*They had to turn loose over 20,000 pounds, gave several thousand pounds away at the dock and sold to Clark Seafood Company at Bayou La Batre 74,500 pounds net.*

*Listen to this, defense workers! Thirteen and one-half shares were split and each share was \$254.24. Not bad wages for a week's work!*

*And here's what we're driving at and what we're leading up to. This was only one of the catches that Captain Melvin and his crews made this year (1942). Every pound of fish he has caught has been handled by Clark Seafood Company and the records show that since July until November 21 (1942), Captain Melvin had brought in 175,488 pounds of food fish of which over 75,000 pounds was choice fish! Fish that now has been shipped all over the U. S. to help the food situation.*

*Now, mark this well: Captain Melvin, who knows where the fish are, who knows how to catch them, who has the equipment, has not been able to move his boat since November 21 (and this was written on December 18) **because he can't get fishermen together.***

*This is what we mean when we say the fishing industry needs manpower as vitally as the farmers, factories or fighters."*

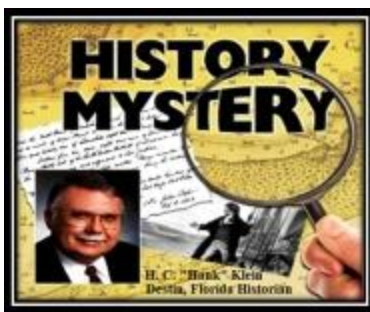
As we all know Americans took the war effort seriously helping wherever and whenever they could. Rationing of food, fuel, and other commodities was common throughout the United States during World War II. This story from the SOUTHERN FISHERMAN in their December 1942 issue also shows how difficult it was for captains to gather a crew at Destin, Florida during World War II.

I recently came across some Civil Service paperwork pertaining to my father-in-law, Clarence Lee Marler. During the war, he worked at Army Air Force Proving Ground Command at Eglin Field, as a deckhand in the Boat Section. He worked at Eglin Field from December 1, 1942, to March 5, 1944, when he resigned. On the War Department form, he stated "I want to leave to go fishing, as I am going into partnership with Herbert Woodward. I feel that by furnishing fish to the market I can be of better service to the war effort."



(Eglin Field Boat Section Crew, 1942 – Clarence Lee Marler, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Left, Front Row)

One can clearly see that the "War Effort" meant everything to not only the military, but also the civilians whether they worked on a military base, in a factory, or even when they decided to go back to fishing for a living. They saw it as "service to the war effort."



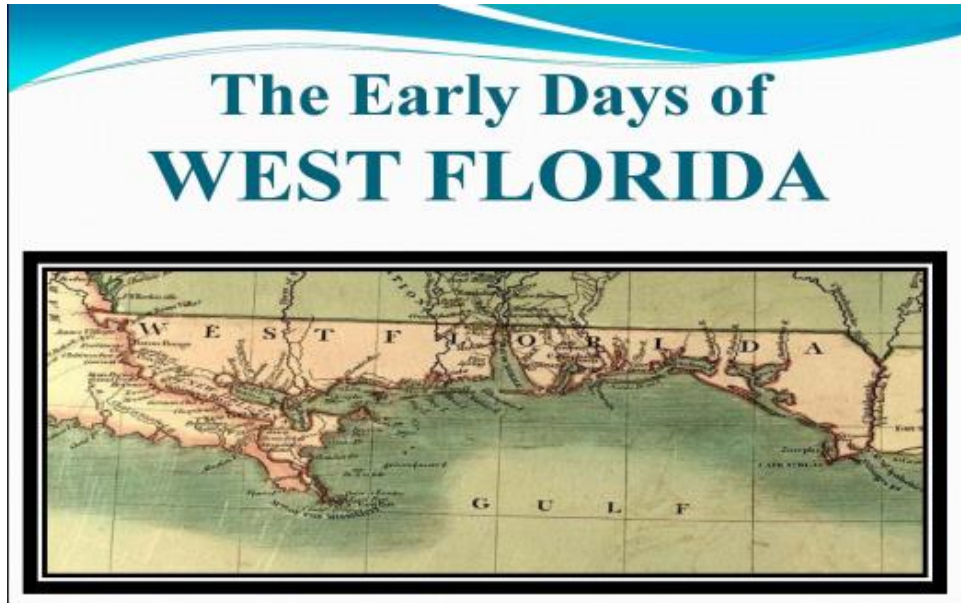
H. C. "Hank" Klein is a Destin historian, author and speaker who visits often and lives in North Little Rock, Arkansas with his wife (the former Muriel Marler of Destin). Klein recently published two Destin History Books - **DESTIN'S Founding Father...The Untold Story of Leonard Destin** and **DESTIN Pioneer Settlers...A Land History of Destin, Florida from 1819-1940**. Both can be obtained from Amazon.com, Tony Mennillo of Arturo Studios at 850/585-2909, Dewey Destin's Restaurants in Destin, the Magnolia Grill in Fort Walton Beach, and Sundog Books in Seaside. Additionally, Klein has a monthly historical column in the *Destin Log* newspaper titled: **History Mystery**. Klein can be contacted directly at [klein@aristotle.net](mailto:klein@aristotle.net)



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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 10:30 am

**Organization:** Robert L. F. Sikes Public Library

**Location:** 1445 Commerce Drive, Crestview, FL 32539

**Title:** *The Early Days of WEST FLORIDA*

**Call for Reservations:** 850-682-4432

Destin historian and author Hank Klein tells about the early days of West Florida. You will learn that Florida was owned by the Spanish, then the British and then again by the Spanish, before being acquired by the United States in 1821.

Learn that West Florida and East Florida were once two of the British colonies just like the other 13 British Colonies from 1763 until after the Revolutionary War and that West Florida once went all the way to the Mississippi River.

General Andrew Jackson was not only the first Governor of the Territory of Florida, but also was responsible for Indian Removal from West Florida long before the infamous Trail of Tears.

You will also learn that nearly a dozen times Alabama has tried to annex the Florida Panhandle to expand Lower Alabama.

## NEW BOOKS FOR FORT WALTON BEACH LIBRARY

By Kathie Sheperd

Over the course of several months, the GSOC Library Committee (Mike Kleypas, Val Moreland, Kathie Sheperd and Phil Hoge) reviewed the Fort Walton Beach Library's genealogy section. It was readily apparent that the library holdings were outdated and in need of revitalization. With the permission of the head librarian, Ms. Tricia Gould, the GSOC Library Committee first pulled and eliminated all the outdated/ non-useful materials. Next, they removed all the previously GSOC furnished books, and had them catalogued by the Library. While the books were being catalogued, the Library Committee segregated the (co-mingled) family history surname books and moved them to an adjacent area.

After the former GSOC books were catalogued, the final step was to identify weak areas which needed new reference materials. For the initial book purchase, the GSOC Library Committee recommended the purchase of 11 books and a two-year Family Tree Magazine subscription. The books would need to be of general, yet specific use, appealing to a wide range of genealogy interests. In some cases, such as the ethnic reference books, new books were identified to correct weak or non-existing references.

The cost of the books and the two-year Family Tree Magazine subscription totaled \$556.16 and required GSOC Board approval. The Library Committee acknowledged that funds for these books were previously collected from Blue Box donations at the monthly meetings. Approximately \$500 would remain within the Blue Box funds to make a monetary donation to the FWB Library and still have seed money for the next set of books (TBD 2019). The Board granted their approval in November.

Once received and catalogued, the following books will be supplied to the FWB library for patron use:

- 1. The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England (1620-1633) (Three volume set) by Robert Charles Anderson**
- 2. The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy by Blaine Bettinger**
- 3. The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy (Third Edition) by Loretto Dennis Szucks, Sandra Hargreaves Lubking.**
- 4. The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, 4th Edition by Val D. Greenwood.**
- 5. Genealogical Proof Standard: Building a Solid Case by Christine Rose (Note: Per Cindy Barber, this book will be revised in the spring and so the initial order will defer this edition until the next one is printed and available.)**
- 6. Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors. How to Find and Record Your Unique Heritage by Franklin Carter Smith (author) and Emily Ann Croom (Contributor)**
- 7. Tracing Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes by Rachel Mills Lennon**
- 8. The Dawes Commission: And the Allotment of the Five Civilized Tribes, 1893-1914 by Kent Carter**
- 9. Acadian – Cajun Genealogy: Tracing Your Ancestry Back to Acadia & the Old World, by Timothy Hebert**
- 10. Doing Oral History by Donald A Ritchie**
- 11. Courthouse Research for Family Historians: Your Guide to Genealogical Treasures, 1st Edition, by Christine Rose**

## **Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County (GSOC) Meeting Minutes, 17 November 2018**

GSOC President Jon Sheperd welcomed everyone to the November meeting. There were 19 individuals present, including Fred Borg from Bay County Genealogical Society.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Meeting Minutes: The minutes from October Meeting were in the November GSOC Newsletter (thank you Ed Crosby). The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Pensacola Field Trip: We had little interest in the field trip to Pensacola last Saturday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. Five members had indicated a desire to go. All but one backed out by the day before. This included Jon due to a last-minute church requirement. Hilma Jenus took a friend and went. Hilma reported she had a good afternoon doing research. Perhaps we will try again next year but change the timing to earlier in the year.

Donation to Bay County Genealogy Society: Last month, GSOC approved a \$100 donation to the Bay County Genealogy Society to help a person or people in their society get back on their feet. A check in this amount was mailed to them. Fred Borg reported that their Genealogy Society building was badly damaged. They will re-build. He thanked GSOC for their gift, which they received.

Donation to Ft Walton Beach Library: Last month we also approved a \$100 donation to the Ft Walton Beach Library to help in cataloging many of the donated genealogy books on their shelves. That check will be given to them after the November meeting.

December Meeting: The December meeting and Christmas luncheon will be at the Ft Walton Yacht Club on December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00. One change is that we will now just order off the menu like we did last year. As in years past we will also have some kind of entertainment or games, conduct a meeting, and install the 2019 officers. Cindy Barber said that Tommy Mattonie is the new manager of the Yacht Club dining room.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Door Prize: Frances Hoge won the door prize this month! Thank you, Ed Crosby, for donating the home-grown honey

Lunch at local restaurant: GSOC members went to Mary's Kitchen on Eglin Pkwy after the meeting.

Elections: Jim Young, chair of our nominating committee, reported that as of the meeting, there were no new nominees for the positions of President, Vice President for Programs and Recording Secretary. Phil Hoge reported that he could fill the President's position in 2020 but not 2019 because of a heavy workload on another volunteer area. Kathie Sheperd said she would continue as recording secretary if there were no other volunteers. Elections were postponed until after the Board meets.

Board Meeting: Jon will hold a GSOC board meeting on 1 December to plan a course of action. **Note:** A full slate of officers was offered at the Board meeting. These names were forwarded to Jim Young, so an email vote could take place. This allows an installation of 2019 officers at the December meeting.

### **REPORTS:**

1<sup>st</sup> VP: Jon reported that the January meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> will feature Hank Klein giving a presentation on Major Public Land Laws. Hank has spoken to our society before and is an interesting and informative speaker.

2nd VP Jerry Rush: Jerry said he will start collecting dues and membership forms for 2019.

Treasurer Phil Hoge: There is \$1463.96 in the account, including the Blue Box donations for library books.

Recording Secretary Kathie Sheperd: Kathie gave a FWB Library book order update. The GSOC library committee of Mike Kleypas, Val Moreland and Kathie identified 12 books for purchase and a two-year subscription to Family Tree Magazine for the library. Most of the books were reference books to aid in everyone's genealogy research. Four books were ethnic specific because the library had either zero or one book for that subject. Cindy recommended holding the book on Sourcing until the spring as it is due to be revised with DNA information in the near future. For a complete list of books, refer to the December GSOC newsletter. On a separate issue, the library is in dire need of newer genealogy books. Some U.S. states have only one reference book (the states of Mississippi and Louisiana come to mind). If members have genealogy reference books they are no longer using, please consider donating them. (Give them to the library committee who will then ensure they are placed in the FWB library.)

Corresponding Secretary Val Moreland: Val was ill and not able to be present for the meeting.

Newsletter, Ed Crosby: Jon thanked Ed for continuing to manage the newsletter. If anyone has an article they would like to submit, Ed would appreciate it.

Webmaster, Jim Young: The website is up to date.

Genealogist, Margaret Harris: Margaret is doing better but is still in Westwood Assisted Living Facility.

## **PROGRAM:**

Program Introduction: The Genographic Project, The Journey of Man, Part Two. (Film on loan from GSOC Member, Charlene Grafton)

Jon summarized the first half of the presentation from two years ago by reading the November 2016 minutes in order to refresh everyone's memory. (Note: Part one of this presentation was made on 12 November 2016. Minutes are available on the GSOC website.) The 2018 presentation is part two and shows how man migrated into Europe as well as North America.

### Presentation:

Our host, American geneticist and anthropologist Dr. Spencer Wells, continues his search for how humans first populated the world. In part two of the Journey of Man, Wells tracks a second ancient group of people from Africa and Saudi Arabia to the Middle East, where they settled 45,000 years ago. Unlike the first group who went into India, this second migration group went into China and stayed in isolation, developing a distinct appearance over the generations. Archaeology shows it took 10,000 years to migrate from the Middle East to Europe.

The answer was found in the caves in southern France. These prehistoric first cavemen were Cro-Magnon people and they were artists. The caves had pictures and scratches on the walls. There was even a painting of a hunter hunting giant mammoths. The artist would have had to have been over 6 feet tall to be able to draw the pictures on the ceiling. And these people would have had to adapt in physical ways; to a colder, darker life. In equatorial Africa, people lived in tropical climates and their skin became darker. People in Europe had to increase vitamin D pigmentation and they became pale with the climate. In isolation, their hair color, noses and height changed.

How did they travel? The generally accepted way hypothesized travel for these people was around the Middle East and through Turkey. Wells said the genetic trail says it differently. Wells located an isolated pocket of DNA in Kyrgyzstan, a rugged Central Asia country along the ancient trade routes between China and the Mediterranean. For nearly 100 years, the Communists had sealed off this area. No one entered or left, and it is very remote and isolated. Wells and his group had collected blood samples and ran DNA tests of 2000 people there. Surprisingly, the genetic markers matched those of Europe, despite the isolation. He concludes the ancient ancestors ended up in Kyrgyzstan before going to Europe. Those same genetic markers were everywhere: Europe, Asia, Central Asia. Wells said if Africa was the cradle of mankind, Central Asia was its nursery.



One individual tracked down in Kyrgyzstan was highly unusual genetically. He had ancient genetic blood markers and a Y chromosome that was a direct descendant from a man 40,000 years ago. This man's family always stayed in Central Asia – 2000 generations, according to his DNA. Wells explained through an interpreter, that this man was very special and has the ancestor of Europeans, Native Americans, and Americans.

Next, Wells traveled to northeast Russia, into eastern Siberia to visit the Chukchi people, a nomadic people who exist on reindeer meat and reindeer hides/reindeer bones, etc., for building materials. When Wells visited, the weather was -70 degrees and their buildings were on stilts to protect them from the permafrost. Tents were erected within an outer tent. The Chukchi are as close as he could get to the first arctic travelers. They carry the DNA markers and live remotely. Over the centuries, these people adapted physically to the extremely harsh environment: they are shorter in height, finger length, and trunk (as comparison to other people) in order to reduce the surface area to preserve body heat.

As the Ice Age ended, the first travelers to the Americas arrived 15,000 years ago, down a corridor by the Rocky Mountains. In only 800 years, people were in North and South America. Early Puebloans, ancestors of the Hopis and the Navajos, settled in Canyon de Chelly in cliff dwellings centuries ago. And the Navajo have their own migration story.

It took about 35,000 years for migrations to travel from Africa and make it to America. There is a lesson on relationships. We are all African under the skin.

#### **CLOSING:**

Jon thanked everyone for coming, especially Fred Borg. The next meeting will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Walton Yacht Club. It will be a brief meeting to coincide with the installation of officers and the annual Christmas luncheon. It will start at 11:00.

/s/

Kathie Sheperd  
Recording Secretary,  
Genealogy Society of Okaloosa County

## **ODDS AND ENDS**

### **GENEALOGY – ON THE WEB**

#### **5 Genealogy Activities to Do in December**



1. Observe family traditions—or create new ones
2. Eat your family history
3. Give a heritage gift as unique as your family
4. Honor absent loved ones
5. Make a donation in honor of your heritage

For farther information go to the following web site:

[https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/5-genealogy-activities-december/?k=sv6ncw1J3ZtZyUsq%2Bq9OhNNCZ6jX1xFmwJ9c%2BjUKf2o%3D&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=ftm-ape-nl-181206](https://www.familytreemagazine.com/premium/5-genealogy-activities-december/?k=sv6ncw1J3ZtZyUsq%2Bq9OhNNCZ6jX1xFmwJ9c%2BjUKf2o%3D&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=ftm-ape-nl-181206)

## Events and Information of GSOC Interest

### Officers for 2018

President, Jon Sheperd  
 1st Vice President (Programs),  
 2nd Vice President (Membership), Jerry Rush  
 Treasurer, Phil Hoge  
 Recording Secretary, Kathie Sheperd  
 Corresponding Secretary, Val Moreland

### Appointees:

Immediate Past President, Sue Basch  
 Journal Editor, Cindy Barber  
 Genealogist, Margaret Harris  
 Publicity Chairperson, Val Moreland  
 Newsletter Editor, Edward Crosby  
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### Membership

Annual membership dues are \$24 for individual and \$35 for individual and spouse at same address. You can obtain a membership form from our web site or use the copy included in this newsletter.

### The Newsletter

The GSOC Newsletter is now published on or before the third weekend of each month. Suggestions for articles are welcome. The editor, Edward Crosby, can be contacted by phone at (850) 678-5423 or by email at [edcrosby@valp.net](mailto:edcrosby@valp.net). Letters to the editor are welcome and may be published.

### The Journal

The GSOC Journal, *A Journal of Northwest Florida*, is published once each year. The 2018 issue was published and distributed in September 2018 and has been mailed to all GSOC members. The theme of the 2018 issue is the "Why did I come here". If you are a member and didn't receive your copy, please contact us.

**NOTICE: Web Site has been restored:**  
<http://www.rootweb.ancestry.com/~flocgs>

The site is updated frequently and contains information about future GSOC meetings, minutes of past meetings, copies of the newsletters, articles and items of genealogical and historical interest, and much more.

### GSOC on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/okaloosagoc>

The address to the official page of the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County is shown above; or you can go to your Facebook account and search for **Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County**. This page provides the latest information about our future meetings and other news that is important to members or prospective members. There is also a Facebook group. It is useful for exchanging information about your research and getting help with questions you may have about the Society or resources available to you. You can find it by going to your Facebook account and searching for **Friends of the GSOC**

### The GSOC Books

The five GSOC cemetery, marriage, and funeral books are all out of print, but are now available on the GSOC web site for reading on line and for downloading as searchable PDF files, at no charge. **Please note that all these GSOC books are copyrighted by The Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County and may be only used for personal use. Reproduction is prohibited without the permission of the GSOC.** Go to the web site, scroll down and click on the **GSOC Books** link, click on the name of the book to access, and read it on line. Save it to your computer to download it. Because of the size of these books, it may take them a few minutes to display (depending on the speed of your internet connection.)

## GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF OKALOOSA COUNTY

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I hereby apply for membership or the renewal of my membership in the Genealogical Society of Okaloosa County

### ANNUAL DUES (Membership Year 1 Jan-31 Dec)

Individual \$24.00 Family \$35.00 (For Individual & spouse at the same address)

Please PRINT or TYPE all information:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone (Home/Cell): \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Can information be shared with other members? Name: Yes/No, Address: Yes/No, Phone: Yes/No, Email: Yes/No*

Your level of experience: Beginner \_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_ Family Genealogist \_\_\_ Professional \_\_\_

### Please indicate areas of GSOC in which you would like to serve or contribute:

Newsletter Editor \_\_\_ Write Newsletter Articles \_\_\_ Webmaster \_\_\_ Journal Editor \_\_\_ Journal Staff Member \_\_\_ Write Articles for Journal \_\_\_ Serve on Short-term Committee \_\_\_ Nomination Committee \_\_\_ Organize Field Trips \_\_\_ Christmas Party Organizer \_\_\_ Give Genealogy Presentation \_\_\_ Workshop Leader \_\_\_ Workshop Volunteer \_\_\_ Special Event Organizer \_\_\_ Special Event Volunteer \_\_\_ Librarian \_\_\_ Publicity \_\_\_ CD Sales \_\_\_

### Research: Name of families and states you are researching

Surname	State or Area

Surname	State or Area

**PLEASE MAIL FORM (ALONG WITH CHECK) TO THE GSOC P.O. ADDRESS ABOVE (OR BRING FORM AND CHECK TO NEXT SOCIETY MEETING)**



Our next meeting will on Saturday,  
November 15th, at 11:00 am.

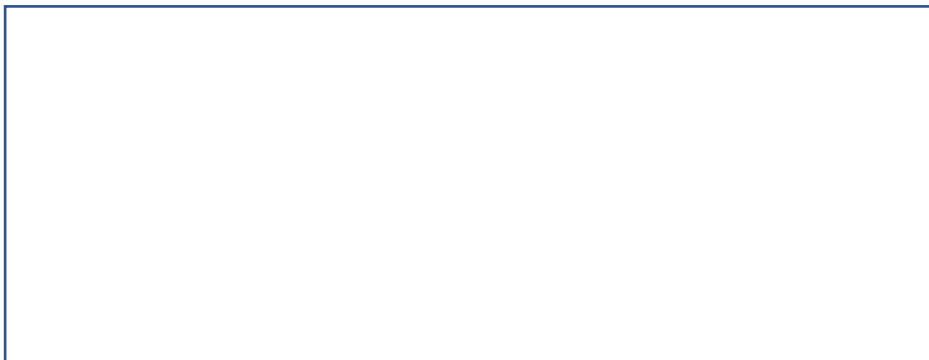


*Featuring:*

## “GSOC Christmas Party”

Fort Walton Beach Library  
185 Miracle Strip Parkway SE,  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

*“Whatever you know, whatever you learn – Pass it On!”*



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